

Eisenhower Reports U-2 Miscalculation By Secretary Dulles

The late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles once predicted that the Russians would not protest publicly if they shot down a U-2 reconnaissance plane over Soviet territory.

This was disclosed yesterday by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower on NBC's "Sunday" program. General Eisenhower, who was interviewed by Ray Scherer, said that he had agreed with Mr. Dulles on the necessity of using the U-2, regardless of the risk.

"But he [Mr. Dulles] also believed that it would cause no real publicity if one of them should fall," General Eisenhower said, "because he said the Soviets will never admit that for three or four years we've been doing this and that they failed to bring them down."

During his political career in Washington, General Eisenhower said, he never got into "a tough fight" with Mr. Dulles.

When a U-2 was shot down in May, 1960, General Eisenhower said, he decided, "I am responsible and that's that." He said he had not asked anyone's advice before making this decision.

"I believe," he added, "that Mr. Dulles is going to live as one of our very remarkable characters in history. The man had great courage, he had studied diplomatic affairs, international relationships, all his life. He was dedicated to them."